



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Entitled: Method for Controlled and Audited Access to
Privileged Accounts on Computer Systems

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102

SIR:

It is requested that the above-captioned patent application, filed herewith, be granted Special Status for accelerated Examination. As set forth in MPEP §708.02(VIII), such a petition requires: (1) that all claims be directed to a single invention; (2) a pre-examination search; (3) copies of all of the references identified in the search deemed most closely related to the claimed subject matter; (4) a detailed discussion pointing out with particularity how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references; and (5) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). As presented in more detail below, Applicant have compiled with each of these requirements. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request granting of this petition.

I. APPLICANT'S CLAIMED INVENTION

Applicant's claimed invention is directed to a utility that provides access to Privileged Accounts to users with Privileged Account access permission. The user must enter a reason for access. A message is sent to a Privileged Accounts manager when a user logs into a Privileged Account, which includes the user id, the account, the system and the reason. If the login is successful, all keystrokes are logged. At the conclusion of the user session, the log file is closed and another message is sent to the Privileged Accounts manager. The log file may be send to the manager at his time or saved for a batch transfer.

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II. THE PATENT APPLICATION PRESENTS CLAIMS TO A SINGLE INVENTION

The claims of the patent application filed herewith are directed to a single invention. The current application includes one independent claim. Should the Examiner determine that the claims are not directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse according to established telephone-restriction practice, MPEP § 708.02(VII).

III. PRE-EXAMINATION SEARCH

A pre-examination search was performed by the professional search firm of Woolcott LLC ("Woolcott") to locate the U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Publications relevant to the inventive concept (the "Search"). Woolcott is located at 2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 411, Arlington, Virginia 22202, Tel: 800.223.9697 and has a web page address of <http://www.woolcott.com/index.html>.

Copies of Woolcott's Search Report and the identified references are attached. As can be seen from this Search Report, the following classes and subclasses were searched:

Class	Subclasses	US/EPO/JPO Published Applications
705	55	All
713	170, 172	All

Woolcott did not find any reference on point.

Woolcott selected eight references as being of possible interest:

<u>Patent or Publication Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue or Publication Date</u>
US 6,145,086	Bellemore et al.	11/07/2000
US 6,161,182	Nadooshan et al.	12/12/2000
US 6,308,274	Swift	10/23/2001
US 6,510,523	Perlman et al.	01/21/2003
US 6,535,980	Kumar et al.	03/18/2003
US 20020019938	Aarons	02/14/2002
US 20030154403	Keinsley et al.	08/14/2003

Nothing in this Petition should be construed as an admission that any reference identified in the Search or discussed herein is available as prior art to the above-captioned application.

IV. DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PATENTABILITY

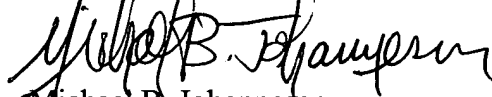
The claimed subject matter of the above-captioned patent application is patentable over all of the cited references. Applicant provide detailed discussion in this Section that points out with particularity how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the cited references.

Eight references were selected as being of possible interest ("of-interest references"). None of the of-interest references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest Applicant's utility that provides access to Privileged Accounts to users with Privileged Account access permission. Therefore, Applicant's invention as claimed is patentable over these of-interest references.

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants' have met all of the requirements for accelerated examination set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and detailed in MPEP § 708.02(VIII). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request this case be made special for expedited examination. Please charge the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), estimated to be \$130.00, to Deposit Account No. 501358.

Respectfully submitted,



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